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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1.-5. (Canceled)

6-9. (Canceled)

10-19. (Canceled)

20-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) A transmission line, comprising:

an optical fiber cord having a coil shape for allowing an elongation of said optical fiber cord;

a stretch length control member for controlling a length of said elongation of said optical fiber cord;

an optical fiber connector formed on an end of said optical fiber cord and connected to said stretch length control member; and

another optical fiber connector formed on another end of said optical fiber cord and connected to said stretch length control member,

wherein in a state where said stretch length control member is elongated to a maximum elongation length, a tensile force acting on said optical fiber cord is absorbed by said stretch length control member and said optical fiber connectors.

23. (Previously presented) The transmission line according to claim 22, wherein said stretch length control member is formed in a coil of said optical fiber cord.

24. (Previously presented) The transmission line according to claim 22, wherein a length

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of said stretch length control member is greater than a length of said optical fiber cord in a steady state, and

wherein a length of said optical fiber cord in an elongated state is not greater than a maximum elongated length of said stretch length control member.

25. (Canceled)

26. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 22, wherein the stretch length control member is inserted through the spiral of the spiral coiled cord.

27. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 22, wherein the stretch length control member is inserted through the spiral of the spiral coiled cord.

28. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 22, wherein the optical fiber cord comprises a built-in Holey optical fiber having a plurality of air holes around a core.

29. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 22, wherein the optical fiber cord comprises a built-in Holey optical fiber having a plurality of air holes around a core.

30. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 22, wherein said stretch length control member comprises a ball chain.

31 (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 30, wherein the ball chain comprises metallic balls.

32. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 22, wherein the stretch length control member comprises an elastic member and a length-regulating member for being elongated in response to a stretching of the elastic member while regulating an elongation of

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the elastic member to a specified length, and
wherein the length-regulating member comprises a ball chain.

33. (New) The optical transmission line according to claim 32, wherein the elastic member comprises rubber.